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Chairman Hal Rogers
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Matt Cartwright
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

As you develop the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations bill, I write to respectfully urge you to include report language urging the Department of Justice to provide guidance to state and local law enforcement agencies on how to address burglary tourism.

Southern California law enforcement agencies are currently investigating a series of burglaries in San Diego and Orange Counties committed by “crime tourists,” individuals who travel to the United States on 90-day visas.¹ Authorities believe that this burglary ring has also committed robberies in Florida, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.²

I request that you include the following report language:

The Committee directs the Department of Justice to provide guidance to state and local law enforcement agencies on how to address burglary tourism and improve federal coordination to respond to these incidents. Within 180 days of enactment, the Department must submit a report to Congress on the scale of the problem of burglary tourism and the Department’s progress in providing guidance to state and local agencies and improving coordination.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mike Levin
Member of Congress

¹ KTLA, <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/burglary-tourism-on-the-rise-in-southern-california-ocsd/amp/>

² NBC News, <https://www.nbcnews.com/now/video/san-diego-police-investigating-chilean-burglary-ring-accused-of-stealing-millions-164298309913>